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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re Application of:)	
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Anthony J. LAMELA, ET AL.)	Examiner: NYA
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Appln. No. 10/736,284)	Art Unit: 3618
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Title: DIRECT DRIVE SUSPENSION)	August 26, 2004

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to a first Office Action on the merits, please enter this Amendment to the above-identified patent application, in which:

The section entitled, "Changes to the Claims" appears on page 2; and

The section entitled, "Remarks" begins on page 7.